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SITE NAME Union Oil Co.

SITE ADDRESS 135th & Smith Rd. Lemont, Illinois

HOW/DATE IDENTIFIED Hot line calls # 593 + 611- 8/11/80

SITE DESCRIPTION Open sloped field on Union Oil Co. property where Union Oil dumped large quantity of oily sludge from July 24, 1980 to Aug 7, 1980

WASTE RELATED INFORMATION Oily sludge.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION Runoff into Big Run Creek, neighbors point, and possible contamination of drinking water wells.

DATE COMMENT

8/13/80 IEPA Div. of Land Pollution (Aurora) and Div. of Water Pollution (Maywood) had been out to site before USEPA was notified by Hot line call. Union Oil dumped about 100 truckloads of an oily sludge on their own property. The sludge is allegedly from storm retention ponds on Union Oil property. IEPA sampled sludge but results won't be known for 2 weeks. IEPA took no action to stop dumping because according to Ken Bechly IEPA (Aurora) a company can dump on its own land if it is not a hazardous material. At that time IEPA was "vigorously" looking for a violation to act on.

After rains of Aug. 9 & 10, sludge contaminated water drained off Union Oil property into drainage ditch then into Big Run Creek and eventually into I + M canal. MSD became involved. They sampled run-off on Aug. 11. They will make inspection report and lab analysis report available upon request.

Ted Denning, IEPA, spoke with Mr. Myers, Asst. Corporation Counsel of Union Oil. Union Oil built clay berm to contain runoff. They have promised to till the sludge to a depth of one foot and cover it with soil. They have also agreed not to dispose of sludges at this site and to reevaluate their sludge handling program. IEPA will inspect site to assure compliance by Union Oil. MSD indicated they will also inspect site after a rain to check for contaminated run off. USEPA should monitor IEPA's handling of Union Oil clean up effort.